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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, EC
SUBJECT: ECUADOR'S AIR DEFENSE NEEDS

REF: QUITO 5720

1. I CALLED ON GENERAL LEORO TODAY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO HIS REQUEST DURING MY LAST MEETING (REFTEL) FOR AN INDICATION AS TO WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE ECUADOR WITH AN ALTERNATIVE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM TO THE HAWK. (I HAD ALREADY ASCERTAINED THAT ADMIRAL POVEDA HAD SPOKEN TO GENERAL LEORO REGARDING HIS EXCHANGE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE VULCAN/CHAPARRAL SYSTEM). I TOLD GENERAL LEORO THAT ADMIRAL POVEDA HAD RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE VULCAN/CHAPARRAL SYSTEM IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD REPLIED THAT HE SAW NO REASON IN PRINCIPLE WHY THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT SELL THE VULCAN/CHAPARRAL TO ECUADOR, THAT HE WOULD REQUEST A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND REPORT BACK TO ADMIRAL POVEDA. I SAID THAT I HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WAS DISPOSED TO SEND A SMALL SURVEY TEAM TO ECUADOR TO LOOK INTO THE GOE'S AIR DEFENSE NEEDS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ADEQUACY OF THE

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VULCAN/CHAPARRAL SYSTEM. I EXPLAINED TO GENERAL LEORO THE CONGRESSIONAL INHIBITIONS ON OUR PAYING FOR SUCH A TEAM AND NOTED THAT ECUADOR COULD, IF IT WISHED, OPEN AN FMS CASE FOR THESE EXPENSES.

2. GENERAL LEORO SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE ME WITH A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SUCH A TEAM WITHIN THE NEXT FEW

DAYS. HE REQUESTED THAT I FIND OUT APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD MAKE UP THE TEAM, HOW LONG THEY WOULD BE IN ECUADOR, AND WHAT THE ESTIMATED COST WOULD BE.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY GENERAL LEORO AND INDICATE HOW SOON THE SURVEY TEAM MIGHT ARRIVE IN ECUADOR.
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